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SUBJECT: AHARAM REPORT OF POSTPONEMENT OF EGYPTIAN/

ISRAELI MEETINGS AT KM. 101

1. ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, AHARAM BANNERED REPORT THAT GENERAL SIILASVUO HAD TAKEN DECISION TO POSTPONE EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI MEETINGS AT KM. 101 FOLLOWING HIS FAILURE TO GET ISRAEL TO DEFINE ITS OCTOBER 22 POSITIONS. NOVEMBER 19 PRESS DROPS THIS LINE COMPLETELY AND CONCENTRATES ON INTERNAL SHAKEUP AND INVESTIGATIONS TO BE HELD IN ISRAEL. PRESS DOES NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT UNOFFICIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI NEGOTIATORS AT NOON, NOVEMBER 19, AND STATEMENT BY UNEF SPOKESMAN THAT LATER MEETING BETWEEN TWO SIDES WOULD TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK UNDER UN SUPERVISION AS SCHEDULED, PRESS REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY.

2. COMMENT: ON THE BASIS OF THE EVIDENCE, AHARAM'S NOVEMBER 18 REPORT IS FALSE. WELL-INFORMED WESTERN CORRESPONDENT IN CAIRO HAS INFORMED US THAT "INFORMAL MEETING"--DEFINED AS ONE WITHOUT PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF UN IN MEETING TENT--OCCURRED
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NOVEMBER 15; THAT ANOTHER WAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, BUT WAS POSTPONED BY AGREEMENT OF BOTH PARTIES UNTIL NOVEMBER 19; AND THAT THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY UN SPOKESMAN. FALSE REPORT MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO GOE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN VISIBLE STATE OF POLITICAL TENSION, OR TO INACCURATE UNDERSTANDING BY AHRAH CORRESPONDENT OF REASONS FOR POSTPONEMENT OF NOVEMBER 17 MEETING. FACT THAT LINE IS NOT MAINTAINED IN NOVEMBER 19 PRESS, AND THAT AHRAH REPORT IS CORRECTED BY GUMHURIYYA, TENDS TO SUPPORT LATTER VIEW.

3. IT IS OF ADDITIONAL NOTE THAT IN PAST FEW DAYS PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT ISRAELI/EGYPTIAN MEETINGS MUST NOW CONCENTRATE ON IDF WITHDRAWAL TO OCTOBER 22 LINES, BUT HAS NOT LINKED WITHDRAWAL TO PEACE CONFERENCE OR MADE IT A PRECONDITION FOR ONGOING TALKS.
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